

## 0.1 stepped pressure equilibrium code : fc00aa

1. Given vector position returns force.
2. The force vector,  $\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ , is a combination of the pressure-imbalance Fourier harmonics,  $([p + B^2/2]\sqrt{g^i})_{m,n}$ , where  $i \equiv \text{Iusesg}$ . and the spectral condensation constraints arising from minimization of  $M = \sum_j (m_j^p + n_j^q)(R_j^2 + Z_j^2)/2$  with respect to tangential variations,  $\delta R \equiv R_\theta \delta u$  and  $\delta Z \equiv Z_\theta \delta u$ .
3. The vector,  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ , represents the geometrical degrees of freedom of the internal interfaces. This vector is ‘unpacked’ and the **Rbc**, **Zbs** arrays are assigned.
4. The routine **ex00aa** is called to extrapolate innermost surface / magnetic axis.
5. The routine **ih00aa** is called to interpolate the coordinate harmonics and construct the global coordinates.
6. The following routines are called in parallel:
  - (a) **ma00ab** : allocates sub-grid geometric arrays, **igss**, etc. in each annulus;
  - (b) **ma00aa** : calls **me00ab** on sub-sub-grid to compute matrix elements on sub-grid; calculates **igss** etc.;
  - (c) **cb02aa** : computes Fourier harmonics of  $p + B^2/2$  and spectral constraints on interfaces;
  - (d) **vo00aa** : calculate volume integral;
  - (e) **fu00aa** : calculate volume integrals of pressure,  $B^2$  and  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ .
  - (f) **ma00ab** : deallocates **igss**, etc. ;
7. The routine **bc00aa** broadcasts data that needs to be shared. and the force vector is constructed.

### 0.1.1 theory

1. The energy functional, plus the angle spectral constraint, in each annulus is

$$F_l = \int_{\mathcal{V}_l} dv \left( \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{B^2}{2} \right) - \frac{\mu_l}{2} \int_{\mathcal{V}_l} dv (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \nu_l \int_{\mathcal{V}_l} dv p^{1/\gamma} + \lambda_l \frac{1}{2} \sum_j (m_j^p + n_j^q)(R_j^2 + Z_j^2). \quad (1)$$

The Lagrange multipliers,  $\mu_l$  and  $\nu_l$  are to be determined below. The factor  $\lambda_l$  is to be decreased until the minimization of the spectral constraint (a purely numerical constraint) does not impact on force-balance (a physical constraint).

2. The variation in  $F_l$  due to variations in the pressure is

$$\delta F_l = \int_{\mathcal{V}_l} dv \delta p \left( \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} - \frac{\nu_l p^{1/\gamma}}{\gamma p} \right) \quad (2)$$

Hereafter, we assume that  $\nu_l p^{1/\gamma} = \gamma p / (\gamma - 1)$ , so that the pressure is constant in each volume.

3. The Euler-Lagrange equations for the variations in the field and interface geometry are connected: if the interface geometry changes, the magnetic field must also change in order to ensure that the field remain tangential to the interfaces. On the interfaces we use  $\delta \mathbf{A} = \delta \boldsymbol{\xi} \times \mathbf{B}$  and derive

$$\delta F_l = \int_{\mathcal{V}_l} dv \delta \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mu_l \mathbf{B}) - \int_{\partial \mathcal{V}_l} \delta \boldsymbol{\xi} \cdot d\mathbf{S} (p + B^2/2) + \lambda_l \sum_j (m_j^p + n_j^q)(R_j \delta R_j + Z_j \delta Z_j) \quad (3)$$

Hereafter, we assume that  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_l \mathbf{B}$ , and that  $\mu_l$  is *initially* adjusted to satisfy the interface transform constraint.

4. Position is  $\mathbf{x} = R \hat{\mathbf{r}} + Z \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \cos \phi \mathbf{i} + \sin \phi \mathbf{j}$  and  $\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \mathbf{i} + \cos \phi \mathbf{j}$ . The coordinate transformation is  $R = R(s, \theta, \zeta)$ ,  $\phi = -\zeta$ ,  $Z = Z(s, \theta, \zeta)$ .
5. The area element is  $d\mathbf{S} \equiv \mathbf{e}_\theta \times \mathbf{e}_\zeta d\theta d\zeta = [RZ_\theta \hat{\mathbf{r}} + (Z_\theta R_\zeta - R_\theta Z_\zeta) \hat{\phi} - RR_\theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}] d\theta d\zeta$
6. The variation in position is  $\delta \boldsymbol{\xi} = \delta R \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \delta Z \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ , and so  $\delta \boldsymbol{\xi} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = R(\delta R Z_\theta - \delta Z R_\theta) d\theta d\zeta$ .